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***"AN ACT CONCERNING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER  
EDUCATOR PROGRAMS IN HIGHER EDUCATION."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 10-145b of the  
4 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
5 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

6 (i) (1) For certified employees of local and regional boards of  
7 education or nonpublic schools, except as provided in this subdivision,  
8 each professional educator certificate shall be valid for five years and  
9 continued every five years thereafter upon the successful completion  
10 of professional development activities which shall consist of not less  
11 than ninety hours of continuing education, as determined by the  
12 employing local or regional board of education or the employing  
13 supervisory agent of a nonpublic school approved by the State Board  
14 of Education in accordance with this section, or documented

15 completion of a national board certification assessment in the  
16 appropriate endorsement area, during each successive five-year  
17 period. (A) Such continuing education completed by certified  
18 employees with an early childhood nursery through grade three or an  
19 elementary endorsement who hold a position requiring such an  
20 endorsement shall include (i) at least fifteen hours of training in the  
21 teaching of reading and reading readiness and assessment of reading  
22 performance, including methods of teaching language skills necessary  
23 for reading, reading comprehension skills, phonics and the structure of  
24 the English language during each five-year period, and (ii) at least  
25 fifteen hours of training in second language acquisition during each  
26 five-year period. (B) Such continuing education requirement  
27 completed by certified employees with elementary, middle grades or  
28 secondary academic endorsements who hold a position requiring such  
29 an endorsement shall include (i) at least fifteen hours of training in the  
30 use of computers in the classroom during each five-year period unless  
31 such employees are able to demonstrate technology competency, in a  
32 manner determined by their local or regional board of education,  
33 based on state-wide standards for teacher competency in the use of  
34 technology for instructional purposes adopted pursuant to section 4d-  
35 85, and (ii) at least fifteen hours of training in second language  
36 acquisition during each five-year period. (C) Such continuing  
37 education completed by [(i)] the superintendent of schools [,] and [(ii)]  
38 employees employed in positions requiring an intermediate  
39 administrator or supervisory certificate, or the equivalent thereof, and  
40 whose administrative or supervisory duties equal at least fifty per cent  
41 of their assigned time, shall include (i) at least fifteen hours of training  
42 in the evaluation of teachers pursuant to section 10-151b during each  
43 five-year period, and (ii) at least fifteen hours of training in second  
44 language acquisition. (D) In the case of certified employees with a  
45 bilingual education endorsement who hold positions requiring such an  
46 endorsement (i) in an elementary school and who do not hold an  
47 endorsement in elementary education, such continuing education  
48 taken on or after July 1, 1999, shall only count toward the ninety-hour  
49 requirement if it is in language arts, reading and mathematics, and (ii)

50 in a middle or secondary school and who do not hold an endorsement  
51 in the subject area they teach, such continuing education taken on or  
52 after July 1, 1999, shall only count toward the ninety-hour requirement  
53 if it is in such subject area or areas. On and after July 1, 2011, such  
54 continuing education shall be as determined by the local or regional  
55 board of education in full consideration of the provisions of this  
56 section and the priorities and needs related to student outcomes as  
57 determined by the State Board of Education. During each five-year  
58 period in which a professional educator certificate is valid, a holder of  
59 such certificate who has not completed the ninety hours of continuing  
60 education required pursuant to this subdivision, and who has not been  
61 employed while holding such certificate by a local or regional board of  
62 education for all or part of the five-year period, shall, upon  
63 application, be reissued such certificate for five years minus any period  
64 of time such holder was employed while holding such certificate by a  
65 local or regional board of education, provided there shall be only one  
66 such reissuance during each five-year period in which such certificate  
67 is valid. A certified employee of a local or regional board of education  
68 who is a member of the General Assembly and who has not completed  
69 the ninety hours of continuing education required pursuant to this  
70 subdivision for continuation of a certificate, upon application, shall be  
71 reissued a professional educator certificate for a period of time equal to  
72 six months for each year the employee served in the General Assembly  
73 during the previous five years. Continuing education hours completed  
74 during the previous five years shall be applied toward such ninety-  
75 hour requirement which shall be completed during the reissuance  
76 period in order for such employee to be eligible to have a certificate  
77 continued. The cost of the professional development activities required  
78 under this subsection for certified employees of local or regional  
79 boards of education shall be shared by the state and local or regional  
80 boards of education, except for those activities identified by the State  
81 Board of Education as the responsibility of the certificate holder. Each  
82 local and regional board of education shall make available, annually, at  
83 no cost to its certified employees not fewer than eighteen hours of  
84 professional development activities for continuing education credit.

85 Such activities may be made available by a board of education directly,  
86 through a regional educational service center or cooperative  
87 arrangement with another board of education or through  
88 arrangements with any continuing education provider approved by  
89 the State Board of Education. Local and regional boards of education  
90 shall grant continuing education credit for professional development  
91 activities which the certified employees of the board of education are  
92 required to attend, professional development activities offered in  
93 accordance with the plan developed pursuant to subsection (b) of  
94 section 10-220a, or professional development activities which the  
95 board may approve for any individual certified employee. Each board  
96 of education shall determine the specific professional development  
97 activities to be made available with the advice and assistance of the  
98 teachers employed by such board, including representatives of the  
99 exclusive bargaining unit for such teachers pursuant to section 10-  
100 153b, and on and after July 1, 2011, in full consideration of priorities  
101 and needs related to student outcomes as determined by the State  
102 Board of Education. The time and location for the provision of such  
103 activities shall be in accordance with either an agreement between the  
104 board of education and the exclusive bargaining unit pursuant to said  
105 section 10-153b or, in the absence of such agreement or to the extent  
106 such agreement does not provide for the time and location of all such  
107 activities, in accordance with a determination by the board of  
108 education."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2012	10-145b(i)(1)
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